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SUBJECT: KOREA QUESTION IN UN: KENYA POSITION

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1. SUMMARY: I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI OCTOBER 15 AND URGED KENYA VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RES ON KOREA AS WELL AS SUPPORT ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF WHICH RES WOULD BE TAKEN UP FIRST. WAIYAKI SAID CURRENT POLICY OF GOK IS TO ABSTAIN, BUT IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DEMARCHE (REF B) AND MY REPRESENTATION HE WOULD CONSULT PRESIDENT KENYATTA TO SEE WHETHER KENYA MIGHT VOTE FOR OUR RES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF KENYA VOTING YES ON FRIENDLY RES, BUT ONLY IF KENYATTA TAKES FIRM POSITIVE STANCE WITH WAIYAKI, WHOSE NATURAL INCLINATION IS TO VOTE WITH AFRICA CACUS. THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT KENYA PERMREP MAINA WILL DISREGARD HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND VOTE WITH ALGERIANS ET AL. END SUMMARY.

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2. AFTER TAKING UP RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AID QUESTIONS (REPORTED SEPARATELY), I TOLD WAIYAKI THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL MATTER ON WHICH I WISHED TO FOLLOW UP SECRETARY KISSINGER'S OCTOBER 1 MEETING WITH HIM IN NEW YORK. AT MY REQUEST, PRESS AND OTHER OFFICIALS DEPARTED, LEAVING ONLY FOREIGN MINISTER AND MFA CHIEJAOF PROTOCOL WITH ME AND EMBASSY POL COUNSELOR. NONE OF MFA OFFICIALS FAMILIAR WITH KOREA ISSUE WAS ON HAND OR I WOULD HAVE ASKED THAT THEY REMAIN.

3. I ASKED WAIYAKI TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING KENYA DEL AT UNGA TO VOTE FOR RES ON KOREA SPONSORED BY U.S. AND ABOUT 30 OTHERS, INCLUDING THE GAMBIA AND LIBERIA IN AFRICA. I OUTLINED MERITS OF OUR RES PER REF A AND STATED OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO ALGERIAN RES CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN KOREA UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS UNREALISTIC ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE ROK FROM PEACE TABLE IN EFFORTS TOWARD POLITICAL SOLUTION.

4. I POINTED OUT THAT ISSUE WOULD BE COMING UP FOR DEBATE AS SOON AS NEXT TUESDAY, AND THAT U.S. CONSIDERED KOREA QUESTION EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR OUR INTERESTS.

5. WAIYAKI SAID CURRENT KENYA POSITION WAS TO ABSTAIN ON KOREA, BUT IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY'S AND MY REPRESENTATIONS, HE WAS HOPING TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA TO GET APPROVAL FOR VOTE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY RES. THIS WOULD COST KENYA SOMETHING WITH OTHER AFRICANS, WHO ALREADY ACCUSED KENYA OF BEING "STOOGES" FOR UK AND WOULD NOW BE OF U.S.. AFRICA CAUCUS AT UN WAS FIRMLY IN ALGERIAN CAMP, ACCORDING TO RECENT WORD FROM NEW YORK. NEVERTHELESS, AS MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO U.S., KENYA MIGHT BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR U.S.-SPONSORED RES.

6. I SAID WE WERE NOT ASKING FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT OF ROK--ONLY THAT IT BE GIVEN EQUAL CONSIDERATION WITH NORTH KOREA. I MENTIONED KENYA'S UNBALANCED VOTE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEM, STRESSING IMPORTANCE
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OF PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF WHICH RES WOULD BE TAKEN UP FIRST, BUT WAIYAKI APPEARED UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS AND MADE NO RESPONSE.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT, DESPITE WAIYAKI'S TENTATIVE OFFER TO INTERCEDE IN OUR BEHALF WITH KENYATTA, THE ACTUAL IMPETUS FOR MORE FAVORABLE VOTE ON KOREA IS COMING FROM KENYATTA AND WAIYAKI HAS BEEN THE

PRIME OBSTACLE. THUS IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT INSTRUCTIONS
TO VOTE FOR OUR RES WILL BE SENT TO NEW YORK. WE BE-
LIEVE WAIYAKI ACCURATELY DESCRIBED CURRENT POSITION
WHICH IS TO ABSTAIN (ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS, WE ASSUME),
BYT KENYA PERMREP HAS BEEN KNOWN TO DISREGARD SUCH
INSTRUCTIONS IN PAST. HENCE WE DO NOT REGARD EVEN
ASSURANCES OF ABSTENTION AS IRONCLAD.
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